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March 13, 2001

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

> Re: Petition of GASCO Distribution Systems, Inc. to Approve Byrdstown,

Tennessee Franchise Docket No. 01-00113

Dear David:

Henry Walker

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I received a copy of the attached letter from the Town of Byrdstown concerning the above-captioned matter which is now pending before the agency.

Since the letter was addressed to the Energy and Water Division, the letter may not have been routed to your officer for filing. Attached, for your convenience, are fourteen copies of the letter for filing in docket no. 01-00113.

Sincerely,

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Tennessee Regulatory Authority Energy and Water Division 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

> Town of Byrdstown Re: GASCO/Municipal Gas Franchise

Dear Sir or Madam:

I represent the Town of Byrdstown, and I have done so for the past several years. The town council has tried for several years to obtain a working gas utility for the benefit of the town's residents.

On many occasions individuals in the community have attended town council meetings voicing the interest and need for a natural gas system. This winter has reinforced the need for the most cost efficient source of energy available.

The Town of Byrdstown is predominantly populated by older residents. As a result, the need for a natural gas system is even more apparent.

The town council makes inquiry at every meeting about the status of the franchise and utility construction. The town leaders have directed me to do anything possible to speed the process which has been done to this point.

I am requesting that to the extent your agency can expedite the proceedings to enable GASCO to begin construction, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

HASSLER & SMALLING

PHILLIPS M. SMALLING on behalf of

Town of Byrdstown

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